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SUBJ: PROPOSALS TO FLOAT AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR PARA

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1. OVER WEEKEND, REVALUATION DEUTSCHMARK FURTHER

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AUSTRALIAN DEBATE REPORTED REFTEL. SIMULTANEOUSLY, RESERVE BANK ANNOUNCED FRIDAY DOUBLING OF DISCOUNT RATE FOR FORWARD COVER ON U.S. DOLLAR FROM 2 PERCENT TO 4 PERCENT. THIS RESTORED RATES IN FORCE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR AUSTRALIA'S DECEMBER 1972 REVALUATION AND REFLECTED SHARP INCREASES IN DEMAND FORWARD EXCHANGE COVER.

2. AS INDICATED REFTEL, AMBASSADOR PAYING COURTESY CALL TREASURER CREAN NOON JULY 3 CANBERRA TIME. GIVEN MOUNTING PUBLIC DEBATE OVER WISDOM OF AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR TIE TO U.S. DOLLAR SEEMS VERY LIKELY QUESTION MAY ARISE DURING CREAN VISIT. AGAINST THIS POSSIBILITY, AMBASSADOR WOULD WELCOME ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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AND TREASURY MAY WISH GIVE HIM RE U.S. VIEW ON THIS QUESTION. TO

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